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Please search the method of producing polysaccharide fibers of claims 1-17 and 19. Note that Claim 1 involves a method wherein the polysaccharide is dissolved in water (the solvent) first before spraying the solution into a bath that contains a water-miscible organic solvent and a cross-linker. The broadest claim is claim 1. A copy of the claims (1-17 and 19) and the abstract is provided.

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E5	1	STARCH (2-(ETHOXYCARBONYL)ETHYLIDENE)ACETAL/CN

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L2 1 STARCH/CN

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L37 ANSWER 1 OF 37 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

2000:513742 Document No. 133:136091 High **water-absorbing** resin particles for paper **diapers**, sanitary or agricultural materials. Nagata, Manabu; Takemori, Shinichi; Ueyama, Hiroyuki; Ohnishi,

Kazuaki; Yabe, Youko; Ishikawa, Norihiko (Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd., Japan; Uni-Charm Corporation). PCT Int. Appl. WO 2000043441 A1 20000727, 19 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: CA, CN, KR, US; RW: AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE. (Japanese). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 2000-JP271 20000121. PRIORITY: JP 1999-16000 19990125.

AB Title particles are resin particles surface coated with 0.5-50% (based on 100 parts resins) ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymers. Kneading 100 parts Aqua Keep UG 310P particles with 20 parts Bondfast 7B at 150.degree. and cooling gave particles showing **water** absorption 34 g/g at 22 s (2-g the particles, 0.9% 500 mL aq. NaCl soln.) and good adhesion to polyolefin nonwoven cloths (falling out degree 0% and 23% initially and after **water** absorption, resp.).

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AN 2000-571871 [53] WPIDS

AB WO 200047628 A UPAB: 20001023

NOVELTY - A microfibrillar **polysaccharide** (I) is derivatized with substituents which provide electrostatic and/or steric functionality, particularly anionic charge.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for:

(1) microfibrillar carboxymethylcellulose with a degree of substitution of 0.10-0.20;

(2) a composition containing (I) and a **solvent** in which (I) is substantially insoluble;

(3) a comestible composition containing (I);

(4) a non-comestible composition containing (I);

(5) a paper composition containing (I);

(6) a method for preparation of (I);

(7) a method of modifying the rheological properties of matter comprising incorporation of (I);

(8) a method of improving the physical and/or mechanical properties of a coating composition by addition of (I);

(9) a method of improving at least one of sizing, strength, scale control, drainage, dewatering, retention, clarification, formation, adsorbency, film formation, membrane formation and **polyelectrolyte** complexation during paper manufacture by addition of (I);

(10) a system comprising an emulsion, dispersion or foam containing (I); and

(11) a **polyelectrolyte** complex comprising (I).

USE - (I) may be used in:

(a) foods;

(b) personal care products, such as sunscreens, moisturizing or anti-aging creams or lotions, cleaning soaps or gels, antiperspirants and deodorants, fragrance releasing gel, lipsticks, lip gloss and liquid make

up, oral care products (e.g. toothpaste, tooth polishing and whitening agents and denture care products), wound care, dressings, ostomy rings and

other products where good liquid retention is desirable and **absorbent** products such as **diapers**;

(c) household products, such as detergents, shampoos, cleaners and air fresheners, particularly laundry products, rug and upholstery shampoos, toilet bowl cleaners, air fresheners and general purpose cleaning agents;

(d) pharmaceuticals, including delayed, controlled or sustained release formulations or as disintegrants, dietary fiber or rheology modifiers;

(e) nutraceuticals;

(f) paper manufacture and treatment, particularly for emulsion modification or stabilization, sizing, retention, clarification, **absorbance**, drainage, formation, deposit or scale control, **water** treatment, dewatering, film and membrane formation, **polyelectrolyte crosslinking**, removal of organic or inorganic material, in paper coating and to improve e.g. stiffness, wet strength, **absorbancy**, softness, toughness, tear resistance and fold resistance;

(g) coating compositions such as paints and inks as rheology modifiers to improve spatter, leveling, sag resistance, flooding and floating;

(h) **water** treatment, for scale control, clarification, flocculation, sedimentation, coagulation, charge delivery and softening;

(i) drilling fluids as rheology modifiers to reduce or prevent fluid loss and improve secondary oil recovery;

(j) agriculture in soil treatments for moisture retention, erosion resistance, frost resistance, as crop protectants and for controlled, sustained or delayed release of agrochemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides;

(k) construction, particularly in dry wall muds, caulks, **water** soluble adhesives and board manufacture; and

(l) spill control and/or recovery (all claimed).

ADVANTAGE - The lack of cationic substituents makes (I) suitable for food use and (I) forms a gel at a concentration of 1% or less. (I) also forms emulsions, such as those used for paper sizing, with better long term stability than prior art emulsions made from cationic **starches** and sulfonates.

A slurry was formed from microfibrillated carboxymethylcellulose (8 g), Germaben II (biocide, 4 g) and deionized **water** (788 g) was processed in a homogenizer for 20 minutes at 3000 psi, then transferred into a capped jar. On rheological examination, the slurry showed yield stress of 8.08 Pa and G' of 256 Pa at 5.75 Pa. A 1% slurry of non-derivatized, microfibrillated cellulose settled out over time and did not display gel properties.  
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AN 2001-082596 [10] WPIDS

CR 1992-098287 [13]

AB EP 1059117 A UPAB: 20010220

NOVELTY - Production of an absorption material for **water**, aqueous solutions or bodily fluids from a **water**-swellable

synthetic (co)polymer (A) and a natural or synthetic polymer (B) which is  
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a flowable powder at normal temperatures and which is insoluble or only difficultly soluble in **water** comprises adding dry or partly swollen (B) to the production system for (A) at a conversion to (A) of at least 30 (especially at least 60)%, mixing with polymer (A) gel and then drying the product.

USE - Claimed uses are in (i) absorption or retention of **water**, aqueous solutions or (especially) bodily fluids such as blood or urine in disposable articles for hygienic, surgical or other medical uses, e.g. **diapers**, tampons or **sanitary napkins**; and (ii) uptake or retention of **water** and/or aqueous solutions, followed by controlled transfer of the **water** or dissolved substances to another body. A disclosed example of (ii) is

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soil improvers. A further disclosed use is in drying of gases or liquids, especially organic, **water**-immiscible liquids or **solvents**

ADVANTAGE - Materials with low absorption character can be bonded in large amounts to highly **absorbent** materials without too large an adverse effect on the absorption performance of the latter. This is accompanied by an improvement in the biodegradability of the high absorption material.

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AN 2000-680964 [67] WPIDS  
CR 2000-595483 [50]  
AB EP 1035239 A UPAB: 20001223

NOVELTY - An **absorbent**, flexible structure comprises pseudo-thermoplastic **starch fibers**.

USE - For use as substitutes for paper products, e.g. paper towels, napkins, toilet tissues, facial tissues, place mats, or wet pipes.

ADVANTAGE - The structure (10-450 g/m<sup>2</sup>) has a geometric mean dry tensile strength of 10-1200 g/cm, an initial geometric mean wet tensile strength of 2-400 g/cm, a geometric mean decayed wet tensile strength of 0-20 g/cm, a total flexibility of 1-75 g/cm, and an **absorbency** of 1-15 g-**water**/g-dry structure (claimed). It has improved tensile strength, softness, and **absorbency** properties, while maintaining biodegradability and flushability.

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AN 2000-595483 [57] WPIDS  
AB EP 1035163 A UPAB: 20001223

NOVELTY - A **starch** composition comprises (wt.%) a **starch** with an average molecular weight of 1000-2000000 (20-99.99); and a high polymer with an average molecular weight of at least 500000 (0.001-10). The polymer is compatible with the **starch**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for: (i) the process for preparing the composition comprising mixing the **starch**, the high polymer, and additive(s) from a plasticizer with hydroxyl group(s), a hydroxyl-free plasticizer, and/or a diluent; and feeding and extruding the mixture; (ii) a fiber comprising the claimed composition; and (iii) a film comprising the claimed composition.

USE - The composition is used in uniaxial or biaxial extensional processes for producing **fibers**, films, sheets, foams, or shaped articles. The fiber may be used in filters for air, oil, and **water**

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; vacuum cleaner filter; furnace filter; face mask; coffee filter; tea or coffee bag; thermal and sound insulation materials; nonwoven for one-time use product, e.g. **diaper**; biodegradable textile fabric, e.g. microfiber or breathable fabric; reinforcement and web for hard grades of paper, e.g. wrapping paper; medical use, e.g. surgical drapes; and dental use, e.g. dental floss. The transparent film may be used as food wrap, shrink wrap, or windowed envelope. The articles may find use as bag, e.g. shopping bag; pouch for storage or cooking; microwavable container for frozen food; and pharmaceutical use, e.g. capsule for medicine.

ADVANTAGE - The composition has melt shear viscosity of less than 50 Pa.s and extensional viscosity of at least 10 times greater than a comparative composition having no high polymer. It is melt processable on conventional thermoplastic equipment, e.g. screw extruders, stir tanks, pumps, and spinnerets which results in less interruptions in the process, e.g. reduced breakage, shots, defects, and hang-ups. It does not require

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large quantity of **solvents** or produce a large amount of effluent during the processing operation. It has rheological properties to achieve very high uniaxial or biaxial extensions in melt attenuation processes, including jet or mechanical elongation processes. It also produces products with better surface appearance and properties.

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AN 2000-207899 [19] WPIDS

AB EP 976383 A UPAB: 20000419

NOVELTY - Cosmetic skin treatment with a patch comprising a polymer matrix

on a support, where the matrix is self-adhesive on dry skin and contains one or more cosmetically active ingredients and one or more **water-  
-absorbing** materials.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Cosmetic skin treatment with a patch comprising a polymer matrix on a support, where the matrix is self-adhesive on dry skin and contains one or more cosmetically active ingredients and one or more **water-absorbing** materials, comprises either:

(a) applying the patch to dry skin and then removing it to remove impurities from the skin; or

(b) applying the patch to wet skin so that the **water-  
absorbing** materials

(i) partially dry the skin so that the matrix still adheres to the skin (though less strongly than to dry skin) and

(ii) **absorb water** and thereby redissolve the active ingredients so that they are in contact with the skin throughout the period of application.

An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for the patch.

USE - Skin cleansing or skin care.

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1999:405022 Document No. 131:63475 Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of particles of **water**-soluble polymers for drug delivery. Vanderhoff, John W.; Lu, Cheng Xun; Lee, Clarence C.; Tsai, Chi-Chun (C.R. Bard, Inc., USA; Lehigh University). PCT Int. Appl. WO 9931167 A1 19990624, 114 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: IN, JP; RW: AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE.

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(English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 1998-US26094 19981209.  
PRIORITY: US 1997-989888 19971212.

AB The invention is a process for the prepn. of **crosslinked water**-swellable polymer particles. First, an aq. polymer soln. contg. a **water**-sol. polymer having at least one functional group or charge, is combined with aq. medium. The aq. polymer soln. is then mixed under moderate agitation with an oil medium and an emulsifier to form an emulsion of droplets of the **water**-sol. polymer. A **crosslinking** agent capable of **crosslinking** the functional groups and/or charges in the **water**-sol. polymer is then added to the emulsion to form **crosslinked water**-swellable polymer particles. The invention also includes the particles formed by the process and aq. dispersions contg. the particles which are useful for administering to an individual. The particles of the

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are useful for implantation, soft tissue augmentation, and scaffolding to promote cell growth. Microspheres were obtained from **crosslinked** droplets of Na **alginate**/Me cellulose by dispersing 50.0 g **water** contg. 2.25 g Na **alginate** and 0.25 g Methocel K4M in 75.0 g isooctane contg. 1.5 g Span 85; then 5.0 g **water** contg. 1.0 g Tween 85 was added, and the dispersion was stirred. The droplets formed by the dispersion were **crosslinked** with an equiv. amt. of the XAMA-7 **crosslinking** agent and then **isopropanol** was added to dehydrate and harden the **crosslinked** microspheres.

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2000:36684 Document No. 132:181976 Biodegradable nonwoven with high **water** absorptivity. Zhang, Yue-ting; Hu, Shao-hua; Yu, He-Zhuo; Wang, Shu-zhong (State Key Lab. for Modification of Chemical Fiber and Polymer Materials East China University, Shanghai, 200051, Peop. Rep. China). Gongneng Gaofenzi Xuebao, 12(4), 389-392 (Chinese) 1999. CODEN: GGXUEH. ISSN: 1004-9843. Publisher: Gongneng Gaofenzi Xuebao Bianjibu.

AB Poly(acrylic acid) grafted **starch** was synthesized. Thick liq. of poly(acrylic acid) grafted **starch** was coated on poly(vinyl **alc.**) (PVA) nonwoven fiber to get nonwoven with high **water** absorptivity. The effect of ratio of grafting monomer, **crosslinking** condition, wt. of **absorbed** thick liq. in the nonwoven and the nature of the nonwoven on the absorptivity of the nonwoven were discussed. The biodegradability of PVA nonwoven with high **water** absorptivity was also detd.

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1998:488296 Document No. 129:176897 Solutions for imparting stimulus-responsive opening properties to **fibers** for manufacture of nonwoven fabrics openable in alkali solutions. Omura, Isao; Nakada, Yoichi (Pigeon Corp., Japan). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 10195770 A2 19980728 Heisei, 10 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF. APPLICATION: JP 1996-345228 19961225.

AB The title solns. are prepd. by dissolving or dispersing mixts. contg. cationic polymers and anionic polymers in aq. solns. The solns. are useful for manuf. of sanitary products, disposable **diapers**, and wiping cloths flushable in toilets (no data). A nonwoven fabric comprising rayon 90, poly(vinyl **alc.**) **fibers** 6, and Vinyon **fibers** 4% was coated with an aq. soln. contg. 0.5% Hiviswako 103 (carboxyvinyl polymer) and 0.5% Leogard GP (cationized

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cellulose) and dried to give a nonwoven fabric with resin content 0.02 g/100 cm<sup>2</sup>. Fiber dispersibility and opening properties were good on stirring the nonwoven fabric in an aq. soln. (pH 9.0) for 30 s.

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1997:552656 Document No. 127:163061 Manufacture of **polysaccharide fibers** as **absorbent** materials and **polysaccharide fibers** and **absorbent** articles therefrom. Malmgren, Kent; Widberg, Bengt (SCA Molnlycke Ab, Swed.; Malmgren, Kent; Widberg, Bengt). PCT Int. Appl. WO 9725463 A1 19970717, 29 pp. DESIGNATED

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AB The **fibers** are prepd. by spinning solns. contg. **polysaccharides** in a bath contg. **water-miscible** org. **solvents** and **crosslinking** agents. The **fibers** are useful for **diapers** and **sanitary napkins** (no data). A soln. contg. CM-cellulose was spun into a bath contg. 95 vol% EtOH, 5 vol.% H<sub>2</sub>O, and 3 g/L AlCl<sub>3</sub>. 6H<sub>2</sub>O, drawn in the bath, and washed with EtOH to give **fibers** exhibiting total synthetic urine absorption amt. 29.9 g/g by a specified test.

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1996:191588 Document No. 124:263928 Low-density materials having high surface areas and articles formed from them. Unger, Peter D.; Rohrbach, Ronald P. (Alliedsignal Inc., USA). U.S. US 5494940 A 19960227, 17 pp., Cont.-in-part of U. S. Ser. No. 811,757, abandoned. (English). CODEN: USXXAM. APPLICATION: US 1993-27975 19930308. PRIORITY: US 1991-811757 19911220.

AB **Crosslinked**, highly porous bodies derived from a **water** -sol. hydrogel polymer have an open-celled 3-dimensional lattice structure, a d. of .ltorsim.1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, a surface area of .gtorsim.30 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and a compression strength of .ltorsim.75% yield at 300 psi. The porous bodies are suitable for many industrial applications, such as insulating materials, **fibers**, **absorbents**, adsorbents, ion-exchange resins, membranes and support materials for a wide variety of uses.

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A **crosslinked**, highly porous body is made by: (a) dissolving a hydrogel (co)polymer from **alginates**, gums, **starch**, dextrins, agar, gelatins, casein, collagen, polyvinyl alcohol, polyethyleneimine, acrylate polymers, and/or **starch/acrylate** copolymers in a gelling **solvent**; (b) forming a gel in the desired configuration; (c) gradually replacing the gelling **solvent** with a **crosslinking solvent** using a concn. gradient **solvent** exchange process; and (d) isolating the **crosslinked** gel from the **solvent**; the body being

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characterised by an open celled 3-dimensional lattice structure, density <1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, surface area at least 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and compression strength at least 75% yield at 300 psi.

Also claimed is a process for making a body characterised as above, using a freeze-drying process.

USE - In the prodn. of insulating materials, **fibres**, **absorbents**, adsorbents, ion-exchange resins, membranes and support materials.

ADVANTAGE - The processes provide highly porous bodies with low density and high surface area as well as high pore vol. and excellent strength. Dimensional stability even after thorough de- and re-hydration is obtd., esp: at the high levels of **crosslinking** which are not obtainable by prior art processes, and diverse chemical modification of the gel can be performed at any stage.

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A liq.-**absorbing** sheet has a liq.-**absorbing** sheet-shaped layer between a liq.-permeable and a liq.-impermeable sheet. Pref. the layer comprises a high-**water**-absorption resin(s), a filtration assistant(s), a fibre(s) and an alkylene oxide type polymer(s).

Pref. the layer had a porous sponge-like structure.

The high-absorption resins include **crosslinked** sodium polyacrylate polymers, acrylic acid-vinyl **alcohol** copolymers, saponified vinyl acetate-methyl acrylate copolymers, hydrolysed **starch**-acrylonitrile graft copolymers and **cross-linked** polyethylene oxide modified prods.. The alkylene oxide type polymers include polyethylene oxide and polyoxyethylene glycol type cpds..

Pref. the **fibres** include cellulose type **fibres**. The assistant is typically diatomaceous earth, activated charcoal, talc and/or perlite.

USE - The sheet is used for treating bed wetting or as a sheet for care of patients and a body-fluid-**absorbing** sheet during operations.

ADVANTAGE - The sheet has a high absorption per unit area, a high initial **water-absorbing** rate and high **water** absorption.

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1995:828566 Document No. 123:237910 **Cross-linked**

**polysaccharides** used as **absorbant** materials. Cottrell, Ian William; Chowdhary, Manjit Singh; Goswami, Animesh (Rhône-Poulenc Specialty Chemicals Co., USA). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 668078 A2 19950823, 18 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: R: BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, NL, SE.

(French).

CODEN: EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1995-400287 19950213. PRIORITY: US 1994-196357 19940215; US 1994-274591 19940713.

AB **Absorbant** materials comprise **cross-linked polysaccharides**. Thus, 20 g guar carboxymethyl was dissolved in 2 L of 45-50.degree. **water**, then 2.25 mL of a soln. of zirconium

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sodium lactate was added thereto and the mixt. was then dried. The absorption capacity of the powder was 48.5 g/g.

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A **crosslinked**, highly porous body (I) derived from a **water**-soluble hydrogel polymer (II) has an open-celled 3-D lattice structure, a density of below 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> a surface area of 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g or above, a compression strength of 10% or less yield at 10 psi, and an average pore dia. of below 1000 Angstroms. The hydrogel polymer is selected from **alginates**, gums, **starch**, dextrans, agar, gelatins, casein, collagen, polyvinyl **alcohol**, polyethylenimine, acrylate polymers and/or **starch**/acrylate copolymers, and copolymers thereof.

Also claimed are: (1) a solid panel or monolith formed from (I); (2) a powder derived from (II) and having an average particle dia. of 1-10 $\mu$ m (3) prepn of (I) comprising dissolving (II) in a gelling **solvent**, forming a gel, gradually replacing the gel with a **crosslinking solvent** and then **crosslinking** the gel; and (4) a prepn. as in (3) where the gelling **solvent** contains a surfactant an elastomeric additive or polyol and where the gel is freeze-dried prior to addition of the **crosslinking solvent**.

Pref. (I) is derived from **guar gum** and **crosslinked** with sodium tetraborate, boric acid or melamine. The powder has an average pore dia. of 100-400 angstroms. The prepn. uses a concentration gradient **solvent** exchange process which utilises an intermediate **solvent** that is miscible with both the gelling **solvent** and the **crosslinking solvent**. The intermediate **solvent** is selected from **alcohols**, acetates, **ketones**, dimethylsulphoxide, dimethylformamide, methylene chloride, ethylene chloride, THF, dioxane etc.

USE - (I) is used for insulating materials, **fibres**, **absorbents**, adsorbents, ion-exchange resins, membranes, support materials, e.g. filter media, and in the storage and transport of chemicals. When (II) is **guar gum** the resulting prod. is partic. useful for thermal insulation applications.

ADVANTAGE - (I) has low density, high surface area, high pore volume and excellent strength characteristics. It also has excellent dimensional stability even after thorough dehydration and rehydration esp. at high levels of **crosslinkage**. A further advantage is the diversity of chemical modification which can be performed on the gel-forming prior to during or after isolation of (I).

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ABEQ US 5502082 A UPAB: 19960503

A covalently **crosslinked**, highly porous body derived from a **water**-soluble, hydrogel polymer, said porous body being characterized in that it has an open-celled 3-dimensional lattice structure, a density of less than about 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, a surface area of

equal

to or greater than about 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and a compression strength of equal to or less than about 10% yield at 10 psi, and an average pore diameter of from about 50 Angstroms to about 500 Angstroms wherein said hydrogel polymer is selected from the group consisting of **alginates**,

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gums, **starch**, dextrins, agar, gelatins, casein, collagen, polyvinyl **alcohol**, polyethylenimine, acrylate polymers, **starch**/acrylate copolymers, and mixtures and copolymers thereof.  
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AN 1995-083222 [12] WPIDS

AB EP 638679 A UPAB: 19950328

A **water-absorbent** nonwoven fabric comprises synthetic **fibres** and **water-absorbent** cellulosic **fibres** intertwined with each other, the cellulosic **fibres** comprising a **crosslinked carboxymethyl cellulose** having a degree of substitution with carboxymethyl gps. of 0.35-1.6. The fabric has a wet tensile strength of 0.1-10.0 kgf/25mm (determined in accordance with Japanese Industrial Standard P 8135) and a pure **water** absorption of 25-160 times the dry wt. of the nonwoven fabric. Also claimed is a process for producing the fabric comprising the steps: (a) forming a precursory nonwoven web in which synthetic **fibres** and cellulose **fibres** are intertwined with each other; (b) subjecting the cellulosic **fibres** in the precursory web to a carboxymethylating treatment with monochloroacetic acid salt in the presence of an alkali metal hydroxide in a reaction medium consisting of **water** and/or a 2-4C aliphatic **alcohol**; and (c) subjecting the resultant **carboxymethyl cellulose fibres** in the precursory web to a **crosslinking** treatment with a **crosslinking** agent. The **crosslinking** step (c) may be carried out prior to step (b), simultaneously to step (b) or subsequently to step (b).

USE - The fabric is useful as a hygienic material, e.g. a disposable **diaper** or **sanitary napkin**; an agricultural material, e.g. soil **water**-retaining agent or a seedbed sheet; a food-related material e.g. a freshness-keeping material; and a building material, e.g. a **water** condensation-preventing material.

ADVANTAGE - The fabric is free from the disadvantages of conventional

high **water-absorbent** materials, has a high **water**-absorption similar to conventional high **water-absorbent** resins and exhibits a satisfactory softness, hard feeling and processability and a satisfactory mechanical strength even after **absorbing water**.

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1994:638467 Document No. 121:238467 Multilayer nonwoven tissue containing a surface layer comprising at least one hyaluronic acid ester. Dorigatti, Franco; Callegaro, Lanfranco (Fidia Advanced Biopolymers S.r.L., Italy). PCT Int. Appl. WO 9417837 A1 19940818, 23 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: AT, AU, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, GB, HU, JP, KP, KR, KZ, LK, LU, LV, MG, MN, MW, NL, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SK, UA, US, UZ, VN; RW: AT, BE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CH, CI, CM, DE, DK, ES, FR, GA, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, ML, MR, NE, NL, PT, SE, SN, TD, TG. (English). CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 1994-EP397 19940211. PRIORITY: IT 1993-PD24 19930212.

AB A multilayer nonwoven material, comprising a surface layer which comes into contact with the skin, such as hyaluronic acid ester, and one or more

other layers which do not come into contact with the skin. This material can be employed in a wide variety of medical and sanitary applications, including surgery and as a non-adhesive covering material. A multilayer nonwoven tissue composed of a layer of hyaluronic acid benzyl ester

(Hyaff

11) and a layer of nonwoven viscose (Jettex 2005), with 2mm thickness and water absorption of 56% was prepd.

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1994:325653 Document No. 120:325653 **Water-absorbent**

**water-insoluble fibers** and films and their manufacture.

Akers, Paul John; Brunskill, William (Courtaulds PLC, UK). PCT Int.

Appl.

WO 9324684 A1 19931209, 22 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: W: CA, JP, US; RW:

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BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE. (English).

CODEN: PIXXD2. APPLICATION: WO 1993-GB1012 19930518. PRIORITY: GB

1992-10955 19920522.

AB **Fibers** or films of **water-absorbent**

**water-insol.** fibrous material have a matrix of a

**crosslinked** copolymer formed from 50-95 wt.% ethylenically unsatd.

carboxylic monomer and 5-50 wt.% copolymerizable ethylenically unsatd.

monomer. The matrix contains regions of dispersed polymeric material,

the

matrix copolymer and the dispersed polymeric material being mutually immiscible and substantially nonreactive under ambient conditions. The fiber or film can be produced by extruding a soln. or dispersion of the polymeric material in a soln. of the matrix copolymer in its noncrosslinked state into a gaseous environment. A fiber was spun from a dispersion of Na acrylate-hexapropylene glycol monomethacrylate-Me methacrylate copolymer contg. 38 wt.% solids and 2 wt.% poly(vinyl alc.) and **crosslinked** to give a fiber which had a relatively high **absorbency** under load.

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1992:237096 Document No. 116:237096 Process for manufacturing **water**

adsorbing material and its use in sanitary articles and in soil amelioration. Chmelir, Miroslav (Chemische Fabrik Stockhausen G.m.b.H.,

Germany). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 476574 A2 19920325, 14 pp. DESIGNATED

STATES: R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE.

(German). CODEN: EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1991-115708 19910917.

PRIORITY: DE 1990-4029593 19900919.

AB

A powd. natural or synthetic polymer (e.g., **polysaccharide**)

showing little or no soly. in **water** is added during the prepn.

of a **water-sol.** synthetic polymer (e.g., acrylic

acid-methylenebisacrylamide copolymer), giving a material which

**absorbs water**, urine, blood, etc.

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A polymeric compsn. is obtd. from a melt comprising (I) a **starch** component and (II) a synthetic thermoplastic component comprising a

polymer(s) (A) selected from: (a) homopolymers of 2-24C aliphatic

hydroxyacids and corresp. lactones or lactides, and their copolymers with

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monomers selected from other 2-24C aliphatic hydroxyacids and corresp. lactones or lactides, aromatic hydroxyacids and aliphatic or aromatic isocyanates; (b) block or graft copolymers between polymers of (a) and component(s) selected from (i) cellulose or modified cellulose, e.g. cellulose acetate or carboxymethylcellulose, (ii) amylose, amylopectin

and

natural or modified **starches**, (iii) polymers obtd. by reacting diols, polyester prepolymers or diol-terminated polymers with aromatic or aliphatic bi-functional isocyanates or epoxides, bicarboxylic (cyclo)aliphatic acids or aromatic acids or anhydrides, (iv) polyurethanes, polyamide-urethanes, polyamides, polyester-amides or polyester-ureas, (v) polyhydroxylated polymers, e.g. polyvinylalcohol, (partially) hydrolysed ethylene-vinyl **alcohol** copolymers or **polysaccharides** up to dextrans; (vi) polyvinyl-pyrrolidone (-vinyl acetate copolymers) or polyethoxazolines, and (vii) ionomeric polymers selected from poly(meth)acrylates; and (c) polyester obtd. from (co)monomers as (a) chain extended with isocyanate, epoxide, phenylester or aliphatic carbonate, or partially **crosslinked** with polyfunctional acids selected from trimellitic and pyromellitic acids, polyisocyanate and polyepoxide. Opt. a plasticiser is included in the compsn.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The biodegradable compsn. is easily processed into claimed films, sheets, **fibres** and filaments having a high biodegradation rate and improved mechanical properties and/or **water-resistance**.

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ABEQ EP 539541 A UPAB: 19931112

A polymeric compsn. is obtd. from a melt comprising (I) a **starch** component and (II) a synthetic thermoplastic component comprising a polymer(s) (A) selected from: (a) homopolymers of 2-24C aliphatic hydroxyacids and corresp. lactones or lactides, and their copolymers with monomers selected from other 2.24C aliphatic hydroxyacids and corresp. lactones or lactides, aromatic hydroxyacids and aliphatic or aromatic isocyanates; (b) block or graft copolymers between polymers of (a) and component(s) selected from (i) cellulose or modified cellulose, e.g. cellulose acetate or carboxymethylcellulose, (ii) amylose, amylopectin

and

natural or modified **starches**, (iii) polymers obtd. by reacting diols, polyester prepolymers or diol-terminated polymers with aromatic or aliphatic bi-functional isocyanates or epoxides, bicarboxylic (cyclo)aliphatic acids or aromatic acids or anhydrides. (iv) polyurethanes, polyamide-urethanes, polyamides, polyester-amides or polyester-ureas, (v) polyhydroxylated polymers, e.g. polyvinylalcohol, (partially) hydrolysed ethylene-vinyl **alcohol** copolymers or **polysaccharides** up to dextrans; (vi) polyvinyl-pyrrolidone (-vinyl acetate copolymers) or polyethoxazolines, and (vii) ionomeric polymers selected from poly(meth)acrylates; and (c) polyester obtd. from (co)monomers as (a) chain extended with isocyanate, epoxide, phenylester or aliphatic carbonate, or partially **crosslinked** with polyfunctional acids selected from trimellitic and pyromellitic acids, polyisocyanate and polyepoxide. Opt. a plasticiser is included in the compsn..

USE/ADVANTAGE - The biodegradable compsn. is easily processed into claimed films, sheets, **fibres**, and filaments having a high biodegradation rate and improved mechanical properties and/or **water-resistance**.



ABEQ EP 560244 A UPAB: 19931123

A polymeric compsn. is obtd. from a melt comprising (I) a **starch** component and (II) a synthetic thermoplastic component comprising a polymer(s) (A) selected from: (a) homopolymers of 2-24C aliphatic hydroxyacid(s) and corresp. lactones or lactide(s), and their copolymers with monomers selected from other 2-24C aliphatic hydroxyacid(s) and corresp. lactones or lactide(s), aromatic hydroxyacid(s) and aliphatic or aromatic isocyanates; (b) block or graft copolymers between polymers of (a) and component(s) selected from (i) cellulose or modified cellulose, e.g. cellulose acetate or CMC, (ii) amylose, amylopectin and natural or modified **starches**, (iii) polymers obtd. by reacting diols, polyester prepolymers or diol-terminated polymers with aromatic or aliphatic bi-functional isocyanates or epoxides, di:carboxylic (cyclo)aliphatic acids or aromatic acids or anhydrides, (iv) polyurethanes, polyamide-urethanes, polyamides, polyester-amides or polyester-ureas, (v) polyhydroxylated polymers, e.g. PVA, (partially) hydrolysed ethylene-vinyl **alcohol** copolymers or **polysaccharides** up to dextrines; (vi) polyvinyl-pyrrolidone (-vinyl acetate copolymers) or polyethyloxazolines, and (vii) ionomeric polymers selected from poly(meth)acrylates; and (c) polyester obtd. from (co)monomers as (a) chain extended with isocyanate, epoxide, phenylester or aliphatic carbonate, or partially **crosslinked** with polyfunctional acids selected from trimellitic and pyromellitic acids, polyisocyanate and polyepoxide. Opt. a plasticiser is included in the compsn.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The biodegradable compsn. is easily processed into claimed films, sheets, **fibres** and filaments having a high biodegradation rate and improved mechanical properties and/or **water-resistance**.

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ABEQ US 5286770 A UPAB: 19940329

An **absorbent** article comprises (a) a liq. pervious topsheet; (b) a liq. impervious backsheet joined to the topsheet, in which the

backsheet

comprises a flexible **starch**-based film comprising (i) **starch**; (ii) at least one synthetic thermoplastic polymer e.g. (aa) polyvinyl **alcohol**; (bb) copolymers of an olefin e.g. ethylene, propylene, isobutene, styrene and their combinations with acrylic acid, vinyl **alcohol**, vinyl acetate, and their combinations; and (cc) their mixts.; (iii) 0.5-20 wt.% urea based on the total wt. of the film; (iv) moisture; and (v) 5-25 wt.% plasticiser,

based

on the total wt. of the film. e.g. mono-ethoxylate, di-ethoxylate, mono-propoxylate, di-propoxylate, mono-acetate derivs. of sorbitol, di-acetate derivs. of sorbitol or mixts.; and (c) an **absorbent** core positioned between (a) and (b). (i) and (ii) form an at least partially interpenetrated network.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The article is useful as **diapers**, **sanitary napkins**, pantliners etc. The articles have improved compostability.

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ABEQ US 5412005 A UPAB: 19950619

Polymeric compsn. is obtd. from a melt contg. (i) a **starch**; (ii) a plasticiser; and (iii) a synthetic thermoplastic polymer.

Polymer comprises (a) a homopolymer of (2-24C) aliphatic hydroxyacid,

its lactone or lactide; (b) a copolymer of this with a second hydroxyacid, etc.; (c) a block or graft copolymer between (a) or (b) with e.g. (modified) cellulose, amylose, amylopectin, **starch**, reaction polymeric prod. of a diol, etc.; (d) polyester obtd. from (a) or (b) upgraded with chain extenders; and/or (e) corresp. polyesters partially **crosslinked** using polyfunctional acids. Wt. ratio (i):(iii) is 1:9-9:1.

ADVANTAGE - High biodegradation rate and improved mechanical properties and/or improved **water**-resistance and low permeability to **water** vapour.

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ABEQ US 5462980 A UPAB: 19951211

The polymeric compsn. which can be produced from a melt comprising (i) a starchy material (I); (ii) a synthetic, thermoplastic, polymeric component

(II); and (iii) 2-7 wt.% of urea, wrt. wt. of the total compsn., where (I)

includes 78 wt.% or more, pref. 80 wt.% or more, of amylopectin.

Pref. wt. ratio of (I):(II) is 1:4-9:1.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Barrier sheets and films. Improved liq. and gas barrier properties.

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ABEQ EP 539541 B UPAB: 19970806

A polymeric composition obtainable by extruding under temperature and shear conditions to render the polymeric components compatible from the rheological view point a melt comprising a **starch** component and a synthetic thermoplastic polymer component selected from the group consisting of one of the following polymers or mixtures of polymers: a) homopolymers of aliphatic hydroxy acids having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms, the corresponding lactones or lactides; b) copolymers of aliphatic hydroxy

acids having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms, the corresponding lactones or lactides with monomers selected from the group consisting of aliphatic hydroxy acids having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms other than that constituting the first monomer, corresponding lactones or lactides, aromatic hydroxy acids, aliphatic or aromatic isocyanates; c) block or graft copolymers between the homopolymers and copolymers a) or b) with

one

or more of the following components: i) cellulose or modified cellulose such as cellulose acetate, carboxymethylcellulose; ii) amylose, amylopectin, natural or modified **starches**; iii) polymers deriving from reaction of diols, polyesters pre-polymers or polymers having diol terminal groups with: - aromatic or aliphatic bifunctional isocyanates, - aromatic or aliphatic bifunctional epoxides, - aliphatic bicarboxylic acids, - bicarboxylic cycloaliphatic acids, - aromatic acids or anhydrides, iv) polyurethanes, polyamide-urethanes from diisocyanates and aminoalcohols, polyamides, polyesters-amides from bicarboxylic acids and aminoalcohols, polyester-urea from amino acids and diesters of glycols, v) polyhydroxylated polymers selected from the group consisting of polyvinylalcohol, ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymers, totally or partially hydrolysed and **polysaccharides** up to destrines; vi) polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylpyrrolidone-vinylacetate copolymers, polyethyloxazolines; vii) ionomeric polymers selected from polyacrylates and polymethacrylates; d) polyesters obtained from monomers or comonomers such as defined above at a) and b) upgraded with chain extenders selected

from the group consisting of isocyanates, epoxides, phenylesters and aliphatic carbonates; e) polyesters obtained from monomers and comonomers defined at a) and b) above partially **cross-linked** by means of polyfunctional acids selected from the group consisting of trimellitic acid, pyromellitic acid, polyisocyanates and polyepoxides,

the compositions obtained from the following components being excluded: - **starch**, a synthetic polymer selected from ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymers, polyvinylalcohol and modified polyvinylalcohol and mixtures thereof, a second synthetic component selected from a) and b) polymers

and a plasticiser other than sorbitol and acetic acids esters of glycerine

and selected from the following groups: - polyols containing from 1 to 20 repeating hydroxylated units each unit including from 2 to 6 carbon atoms,

provided that when the polyol is formed by only one repeating unit it has at least 4 carbon atoms; - ethers, thioethers, inorganic and organic esters, acetals and amino-derivatives of polyols, formed by from 1 to 20 repeating hydroxylated units each including from 2 to 6 carbon atoms; - polyol reaction products having from 1 to 20 repeating hydroxylated units each including from 2 to 6 carbon atoms with chain extenders; - polyol oxidation products having from 1 to 20 repeating hydroxylated units each including from 2 to 6 carbon atoms including at least one aldehydic or carboxylic functional group or mixtures thereof.

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 1991:537898 Document No. 115:137898 Superabsorbent wet-lay nonwoven product.

Kim, Dai W.; Nielsen, Steven F. (Hoechst Celanese Corp., USA). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 437816 A1 19910724, 8 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: R: BE, CH, DE,

FR, GB, IT, LI, NL. (English). CODEN: EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1990-125248 19901221. PRIORITY: US 1990-464798 19900116.

AB A superabsorbent nonwoven wet-lay material is prep'd. by (a) blending superabsorbent polymer particulate with a liq. to form a slurry; (b) mixing with fabrics to give a slurry/fiber mixt.; (c) filtering (b) mixt. to remove part of liq.; and (d) drying to the superabsorbent

polymer/fiber mixt. material. Thus, to 0.5 g stirred superabsorbent polymer particulate

(91:9 acrylic acid-oxidized starched graft copolymer **crosslinked** with 0.1% N,N-methylenebisacrylamide) was added 10 g 0.5-1-in. long polyester **fibers**. Pouring onto a 100-mesh screen at 0.5-0.75 in. thickness and drying at room temp. 48 h gave a wet-lay material with **water** absorption 55 g/g superabsorbent polymer material and 19 g/g superabsorbent polymer material in 1% saline soln.

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 AN 1991-325071 [44] WPIDS  
 AB WO 9115368 A UPAB: 19930928

A particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. comprising inter particle-**crosslinked** aggregates is claimed, the compsn. comprising (i) precursor particles (pref. with mass ave. particle size below 180 microns) of a **water-insol., absorbent**,

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hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an inter particle **crosslinking** agent reacting with the precursor particles to form covalent **crosslinked** bonds and so give sufficient amt. of aggregates to impart to the compsn. a mass ave. particle size which is at least 25 (esp. at least 100%) greater than that of the precursor particles.

The compsn. is pref. such that 0.5-10 pts. wt. inter particle **crosslinker** (esp. glycerol) is mixed with 1-20 pts. wt. **water** and/or hydrophilic org. **solvent** per 100 pts. wt. of the precursor particles. The precursor particles are pref. also surface **crosslinked**.

The hydrogel-forming polymer of the precursor particles pref. has carboxyl gps. and the **crosslinker** pref. has at least 2 functional gps per mol reactable with these carboxyl gps.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The compsns. can be used in **diapers**, **incontinence** pads, **sanitary napkins** etc. to give a high rate of fluid uptake with minimal gel blocking and minimal dissociation of fine particles, the compsn. also showing high resistance to compression. @(115p Dwg.No.1/18)@U

ABEQ EP 525049 A UPAB: 19930928

A particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn., comprising inter particle-**crosslinked** aggregates, comprises (i) precursor particles (pref. with mass average particle size below 180 microns) of a **water**-insol., **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an inter particle **crosslinking** agent reacting with the precursor particles to form covalent **crosslinked** bonds and so give sufficient amt. of aggregates to impart to the compsn. a mass average particle size which is at least 25 (esp. at least 100%) greater than that of the precursor particles.

The compsn. is pref. such that 0.5-10 pts. wt. inter particle **crosslinker** (esp. glycerol) is mixed with 1-20 pts. wt. **water** and/or hydrophilic org. **solvent** per 100 pts. wt. of the precursor particles. The precursor particles are pref. also surface

**crosslinked**.

The hydrogel-forming polymer of the precursor particles pref. has carboxyl gps. and the **crosslinker** pref. has at least 2 functional gps. per mol. reactable with these carboxyl gps..

USE/ADVANTAGE - The compsns. can be used in **diapers**, **incontinence** pads, **sanitary napkins** etc. to give a high rate of fluid uptake with minimal gel blocking and minimal dissociation of fine particles, the compsn. also showing high resistance to compression

ABEQ JP 05506263 W UPAB: 19931202

A particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. of interparticle-**crosslinked** aggregates comprises (i) precursor particles (pref. with mass. average particle size below 180 microns) of a **water**-insol., **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an interparticle **crosslinking** agent reacting with the precursor particles to form covalent **crosslinked** bonds and so give sufficient amt. of aggregates to impart to the compsn. a mass average particles size which is at least 25 (esp. at least 100%) greater than

that

of the precursor particles.

The compsn. is pref. such that 0.5-10 pts. wt. interparticle

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**crosslinker** (esp. glycerol) is mixed with 1-20 pts. wt. **water** and/or hydrophilic organic **solvent** per 100 pts.wt. of the precursor particles. The precursor particles are pref. also surface

**crosslinked**. The hydrogel-forming polymer of the precursor particles pref. has carboxyl gps. and the **crosslinker** pref. has at least 2 functional gps per mol reactable with these carboxyl gps.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The compsns. can be used in **diapers**, **incontinence** pads, **sanitary napkins** etc. to give a high rate of fluid uptake with minimal gell blocking and minimal dissociation of fine particles, the compsn. also showing high resistance to compression.

ABEQ US 5300565 A UPAB: 19940517

A particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. comprises interparticle **crosslinked** aggregates which comprise (i) precursor particles of **water-insol.**, **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an interparticle **crosslinking** agent reacted with the polymer material of the precursor particles to form covalent **crosslink** bonds between the precursor particles. The interparticle **crosslinked** aggregates are present in the polymeric compsn. in an amt. such that the polymeric compsn. has a mass average particle size at least 25% greater than the mass average particle size of the precursor particles.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The polymeric compsns. can be incorporated into **absorbent** articles e.g. **diapers**, sanitary towels or **incontinence** pads. The compsn. has improved structural integrity, an increased acquisition rate and minimal gel blocking properties. Dwg.16/18

ABEQ US 5330822 A UPAB: 19940831

**Absorbent** member comprises a mixt. of a fibre material and a particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn.. The mixt. has a fibre to polymeric compsn. wt. ratio of 98:2-2:98. The polymeric compsn. has a gel expansion pressure under a 28 x load of at least 20 kilo-dynes/cm2

and

a swelling rate at a 28 x load of at least 0.3 g/g/sec.

Pref. the fibre material comprises hydrophilic fibre material, esp. wood pulp **fibres** or hydrophilised hydrophobic **fibres**. The polymeric compsn comprises aggregates each comprising at least 2 precursor particles joined together. The **absorbent** member has a density of 0.06-0.5 g/cm2.

Also claimed is a layered **absorbent** member comprising n webs of fibrous material, where n is at least 2, and (b) a particulate **absorbent**. The webs are layered so that there is a top web, bottom web, n-2 intermediate webs and n-1 interfaces of 2 opposed contacting surfaces of adjacent webs.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Used for **diapers**, adult **incontinence** pads and **sanitary napkins**. The member has improved structural integrity, high fluid uptake rate, and low gel blocking properties.

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ABEQ US 5397626 A UPAB: 19950502

**Absorbent** prod. comprises a carrier; and interparticle **crosslinked** aggregate(s) joined to the carrier. Aggregate comprises (i) precursor particles of a **water-insol.**, **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer; and (ii) an interparticle **crosslinking** agent reacted with the polymer of precursor (i) to

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form covalent **crosslink** bonds between precursor particles.

Pref. aggregates is bonded to carrier. Carrier comprises a fibre, esp. a nonwoven web. Precursor polymer contains carboxyl.

**Crosslinker** contains functional gps. capable of reacting with carboxyl.

USE/ADVANTAGE - In e.g. nappies, **incontinence** pads, **sanitary napkins**, etc.. Improved structural integrity, increased acquisition rate, and minimal gel-blocking properties.

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ABEQ US 5492962 A UPAB: 19960329

A method for producing a particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric composition comprising interparticle covalently **crosslinked** aggregates comprises: (a) providing dry precursor particles of **water**-insoluble, **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming, polymer material; the polymer material of the precursor particles being a slightly

network **crosslinked** prod. of a polymer selected from the gp. consisting of hydrolysed **starch**/acrylonitrile graft copolymer, partially neutralized **starch**/acrylonitrile acid graft copolymer, **starch**-acrylic acid graft copolymer, partially neutralized **starch**-acrylic acid graft copolymer, saponified vinyl acetate-acrylic ester copolymers, hydrolysed acrylonitrile or acrylamide copolymers, and partially neutralized polyacrylic acid; (b) applying (i) an interparticle **crosslinking** agent and (ii) 0.01 to about 60 parts by wt. per 100 parts by wt. of the precursor particles of **water**, a hydrophilic organic **solvent**, or a mixt. of it onto the precursor particles; provided that when **water** is applied to the precursor particles it is used in a proportion of from about 0.1 parts to about 10 parts by wt. per 100 parts by wt. of the precursor particles; the interparticle **crosslinking** agent being capable of reacting with the polymer material of the precursor particles; the interparticle **crosslinking** agent being selected from the gp. consisting of polyhydric **alcohol** compounds, polyglycidyl ether compounds, polyfunctional aziridine compounds, polyfunctional amine compounds, or polyfunctional isocyanate compounds; (c) forming a multiplicity of aggregates of the precursor particles; and (d) reacting the interparticle **crosslinking** agent with the polymer material of the precursor particles of the aggregates, while insuring minimal dissociation forces or stresses are introduced during the reaction step, to form covalent **crosslink** bonds between the precursor particles to form interparticle **crosslinked** aggregates, the interparticle **crosslinked** aggregates being present in the polymeric composition in an amt. such that the polymeric composition has a mass average particle

size at least about 25% greater than the mass average particle size of the precursor particles.

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ABEQ EP 525049 B UPAB: 19961104

A particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. comprising a substantially **water**-insoluble, **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming, polymer material, which compsn. comprises inter-particle **crosslinked** aggregates formed from the reaction of precursor particles of the polymer material which are physically associated together

and 0.01-30 pts.wt. per 100 pts. of the precursor of an inter-particle **crosslinking** agent, the aggregates having covalent **crosslinked** bonds between the precursor particles, and the polymeric compsn. having a mass average particle size of at least about 25% greater than the mass average particle size of the precursor particles.

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 AN 1991-324918 [44] WPIDS  
 CR 1992-381794 [46]; 1996-200128 [20]  
 AB WO 9115177 A UPAB: 20000921

An **absorbent** article comprises a mixt. of fibre material and particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. contg. interparticle-**crosslinked** aggregates and comprising: (i) precursor particles of **water-insol. absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an interparticle **crosslinker** reacted with the polymer to form constant **crosslink** bands which result in sufficient aggregation to give the polymer compsn. a mass ave. particle size at least 25% greater than that of the precursor particles.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The articles can be eg., **diapers**, **incontinence** pads or **sanitary napkins** in which the aggregates give a high rate of fluid uptake with minimal gel blocking and with minimal dissociation of fine particles on fluid contact or swelling, the articles also having high resistance to compression.

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ABEQ US 5149334 A UPAB: 19930928

A disposable, **absorbent** article consists of A) a top sheet permeable to liquid, B) a liq. impermeable backing joined to A) and C) an **absorbent** core between A) and B) and consisting of a) a particulate, **absorbent** polymeric compsn. of inter particle **crosslinked** agglomerate C) comprises a) virtually dry precursor particles of virtually **water insoluble, absorbent**, hydrogel forming hydrolysed **starch/acrylonitrile** graft copolymer, (partially neutralised), **starch/acrylic acid** copolymer, saponified vinyl acetate/acrylic ester copolymer, hydrolysed acrylonitrile or acrylamide copolymers, slightly network **crosslinked** products of the above copolymers, partially neutralised (slightly network **crosslinked**) polyacrylic acid and b) as inter particle **crosslinking** agent a polyhydric **alcohol**, polyglycidyl ether, polyfunctional aziridine, polyfunctional amine or polyfunctional isocyanate. The amount of Cb) present ensures that the particle size of the **absorbent** is at least 30%, pref. at least 50% greater than that of the precursor.

The core pref. also contains **fibres** and comprises a storage zone and an acquisition zone having a lower density and lower basis wt. than the storage zone.

USE/ADVANTAGE - For nappies; the material has a high liquid uptake rate and minimal gel blocking property; the particles have a high compression resistance; the absorption rate can be tailored. (Dwg.7/18)

ABEQ US 5180622 A UPAB: 19930928

An **absorbent** material consists of a mixt. of (A) **fibres**, pref. hydrophilic **fibres** esp. wood pulp **fibres**, and (B) a particulate, **absorbent** polymeric compsn. of inter particle **crosslinked** aggregates consisting of (a) precursor particles of

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virtually **water** insoluble **absorbent**, hydrogel forming polymer and (b) an inter particle **crosslinking** agent reacted with (a) to form covalent **crosslink** bonds between the particles. Sufficient aggregates are present to give (B) a mass average particle

size

at least 25%, pref. at least 30%, esp. at least 50% greater than that of the precursor particles.

The **absorbent** material pref. has a density 0.06-0.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, (Ba) is e.g. hydrolysed **starch**-acrylonitrile graft copolymer, saponified vinyl acetate-acrylic ester copolymer, (Bb) is e.g. a polyhydric **alcohol**, a polyglycidyl ether. The material contains zones of different densities e.g. an acquisition zone having a lower density than a storage zone.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Used as nappies, **incontinence** pads, **sanitary pads** etc. The material has a high fluid uptake with minimal gel blocking properties. It has a high resistance to compression during use and exhibits minimal dissociation of final particles on fluid contact or swelling. It contains minimal free fines in the dry state.

ABEQ JP 05506164 W UPAB: 19931202

An **absorbent** article comprises a mixt. of fibre material and particulate, **absorbent**, polymeric compsn. contg. interparticle-**crosslinked** aggregated and comprising: (i) precursor particles of **water**-insol. **absorbent**, hydrogel-forming polymer material; and (ii) an interparticle **crosslinker** reacted with the polymer to form constant **crosslink** bands which result in sufficient aggregation to give the polymer compsn. a mass ave. particle size at least 25% greater than that of the precursor particles.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The articles can be e.g. **diapers**, **incontinence** pads or **sanitary napkins** in which the aggregated give a high rate of fluid uptake with minimal gel blocking and with minimal dissociation of fine particles on fluid contact or swelling, the articles also having high resistance to compression.

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1991:191051 Document No. 114:191051 **Water-absorbing** foamed resin compositions for detection of **water** leaks on optical fiber cables. Urano, Katsuyoshi; Sakuraba, Yukio; Umeda, Masanari

(Tokai Rubber Industries, Ltd., Japan). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 02261834 A2 19901024 Heisei, 13 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF. APPLICATION: JP 1989-82084 19890331.

AB The compns., useful for a **water** sensor in a closure part of the optical fiber cables, comprise rubber 100, high **water-absorbing** resin 50-500, hydrophilic resin 5-50, and foaming agent 5-50 wt. parts. A compn. contg. EPDM rubber, **crosslinked** poly(Na acrylate), polyethylene glycol, and diazocarboamide showed high **water** absorption and an expansion ratio suitable for **water** detection.

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1989:480387 Document No. 111:80387 Agents and methods for removing soil from

**water**-nonpermeable materials. Ohayashi, Tsutomu; Imoto, Manabu (Hiraoka and Co., Ltd., Japan). Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 01000198 A2 19890105 Heisei, 11 pp. (Japanese). CODEN: JKXXAF. APPLICATION: JP

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1987-321554 19871221. PRIORITY: JP 1987-25586 19870207.

AB Soil removers contain **water**-sol. silicic acid alkali metal salts selected from Na silicate, K silicate, and **water** glass and **water**-insol. highly **water-absorbing** polymers. Thus, a soil remover for a waterproof sheet (PVC-laminated polyester fabric) contained 3 g/L **water** glass and 3 g/L Sumikagel SP 520.

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AN 1989-259873 [36] WPIDS

AB JP 01188605 A UPAB: 19930923

Pore-sealing compsn. comprises polymerisable acrylic acid cpd. and polymerisation initiator, and also comprises 0.1-3 pts. by wt. of high **water**-adsorptive polymer cpd. to 100 pts. by wt. of the acid cpd. Pref. the polymerisable acrylic acid cpd. is of formula  $-O-C(O)-C(R)=CH_2$  (R1 is H, halogen, or 1-4C lower alkyl); polymerisation initiator is azonitrile deriv. or organic peroxide, esp. of formula (I) (R1 is methyl, n-or isopropyl or n-pentyl; R2 is methyl, n-or isopropyl, is-butyl, cyclopropyl, carboxy, cyclobutyl, n or cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl, benzyl, p-chloro or p-nitrobenzyl). **Water**-adsorptive polymers are e.g. **starch**-polyacrylonitrile (PAN)-or **starch**-acrylate-graft copolymer, **carboxymethyl-cellulose**-polymer, cellulose-PAN graft copolymer, PAN **crosslinking** polymer, Na-polyacrylate, acrylic-vinyl **alcohol** copolymer, poly-ethylene oxide **crosslinking** polymer, PVA-maleic ester or isobutylene-maleic anhydride-copolymer, PAN **fibres**, and methyl methacrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Provides sealing compsn. which intrudes into porous materials e.g. ceramics and sintered metal, thus efficiently functioning at cleaning and hardening using hot **water**, avoiding loss of compsn. through pores.

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1988:495031 Document No. 109:95031 **Water**-setting paper for urine containers and toilets. Karita, Takeshi (Saito, Yoshiro, Japan; Kuromatsu, Shunichi). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 273075 A1 19880706, 8 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: R: CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, NL, SE. (English).

CODEN:

EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1986-310228 19861231.

AB **Water**-setting paper (high-**water absorbency** sheets), useful in urine containers and portable toilets, is manufd. from pulp, **fibers**, **water**-sol. resins, and high-**absorbency** resins.

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1988:99991 Document No. 108:99991 Cast ceramic products and method for making molded refractory fiber products. Wolter, Peter A.; Esposito, Arthur N. (General Signal Corp., USA). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 251150 A2 19880107, 7 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: R: DE, FR, GB, IT, NL, SE. (English). CODEN: EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1987-109007 19870623. PRIORITY: US 1986-878068 19860624.

AB The cast ceramic products are prepd. by placing a uniform, nonflowable mixt. of ceramic **fibers**, **water**, and a deflocculant in a **water-absorbing** mold, vibrating the mold to cause the mixt. to flow in contact with the mold, allowing a large position of the **water** to be adsorbed by the mold and the mixt. remnants to

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harden, removing the product from the mold, and heating the product to sinter abutting **fibers** to each other. The ceramic **fibers** have a uniform cross section and an av. length of <0.25 in., and they are randomly distributed in the mixt. These ceramic products have d. 30-150 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, and do not contain a binder. Thus, 290 g ceramic **fibers** (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 95, SiO<sub>2</sub> 5%) were chopped to av. length <0.25 in. and provided with 320 cm<sup>3</sup> of a mixt. of aq. **polyelectrolyte** soln. (Darvan 7) 5 cm<sup>3</sup> and ammonium **alginate** 2 g in 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> **water**. The slurry was mixed at low intensity for 13 min, and the mix, having a pudding consistency, was hand-fed into a pottery planter (K-60) mold to produce a 1/2 .times. 2 .times. 9-in.degree. tile. The green product was removed from the mold after 1/2 h, dried on the air for .apprx.24 h, and fired at 1560.degree. for 3 h, to give a finished product with d. 63 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>.

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 AN 1989-043112 [06] WPIDS  
 AB JP 63315235 A UPAB: 19930923

A **water-absorbing, water-retaining** sheet comprises **water**-resistant base, and a coat formed by applying coating liq. to at least 1 side of the **water**-resistant base. The coating liq. comprises fine powder of **water**-soluble high polymeric electrolyte which is partially **crosslinked** three-dimensionally, a fine powder of non-electrolytic **water**-soluble high polymer which is partially **crosslinked** three-dimensionally, and a resin binder contg. a non-aq. **solvent** or excluding **solvent**.

Pref. the amt. of fine powdered non-electrolytic, **water**-soluble high polymer is not less than that of the fine powdered **water**-soluble electrolytic high polymer.

Pref. **water**-soluble electrolytic high polymer is hydrolysate of sodium acrylate polymers of **starch**-sodium acrylate graft-copolymers, etc. Non-electrolytic, **water**-soluble high polymer is pref. polyethylene oxides, polyacrylic acid, etc. partially **crosslinked** with an isocyanate, etc. Resin binder is pref. polyamide resins, linear thermoplastic polyester resins, etc. dissolved in **methanol**, ethylacetate, **acetone**, etc..

USE/ADVANTAGE - Used for **water**-shielding covering materials for optical **fibres**, etc. The sheet has two different **water absorbing** mechanisms and two different **water** absorption velocities, so can be used in pure **water** contg. high concns. of salts, e.g. sea **water**.  
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 1988:117824 Document No. 108:117824 Hydraulic compositions containing hydrogels as mixing-**water** sources. Hamaguchi, Tetsuo; Natsume, Tadao; Ueda, Tsunehisa (Nippon Zeon Co., Ltd., Japan). Ger. Offen. DE 3716974 A1 19871210, 15 pp. (German). CODEN: GWXXBX. APPLICATION: DE 1987-3716974 19870520. PRIORITY: JP 1986-115635 19860520; JP 1986-181140 19860731; JP 1986-181141 19860731; JP 1986-191528 19860815; JP 1986-232779 19860930; JP 1986-232780 19860930.  
 AB Hydraulic compns. are prepd. from a hydraulic component and and an org. hydrogel, and optionally aggregates or crushed materials, reinforcing materials, and other additives to give consistency or slump values (JIS Prepared by M. Hale 308-4258 Page 24

A-1101) of .ltoreq.1 cm in concrete charges and flow values (JIS R-5201) of .ltoreq.120 mm in mortar or paste charges. The hydraulic component is a cement, gypsum, or blast-furnace slag or fly ash contg. an alk. mineralizer. The hydrogel is obtained by **water** absorption by strongly **water-absorbing** polymers selected from the group comprising **starch**-acrylonitrile graft copolymer, CM-cellulose, polyacrylonitrile, polyethylene oxide, vinyl acetate-acrylic salt copolymers, vinyl **alc.**-acrylic salt copolymers, poly(acrylic acid salt), and olefin-maleic acid anhydride copolymers.

The hydrogel is obtained by conversion of polycarboxylic acid salts, i.e. poly(acrylic acid salts) or olefin-maleic acid anhydride copolymers, with a **crosslinking** agent in the presence of **water**. The std. **water** vol. for concrete batches is .ltoreq.150 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the **water**/cement ratio (w/c) for mortar is .ltoreq.0.4:1. At least part of the hydrogel, .gtoreq.30 wt. of the total amt., contains 0.01-3 wt.% of a dispersing agent, i.e. a high-performance **water**-reducing agent or a fluidizing agent; the std. **water** vol. for concrete batches then is .ltoreq.160 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The use of org. hydrogels as the source of mixing **water** results in uniform dry kneading with excellent dispersibility and increased working time and gives a high-strength product at lower mixing-**water** vols. Mortar cylinders, diam. 5 cm and length 10 cm, were made from 1500 g Asano portland cement, 1500 g sand, and the hydrosol of Aqualic (a polyacrylic acid-type resin) in the amt. supplying 525 g **water** (w/c 0.35:1), by pressing 5 min at 10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The aged cylinders had 3-, 7-, and

28-day compressive strengths of 390, 478, and 603 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> vs. 303, 405, and 541 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, resp., for cylinders prepd. with 600 g **water** (w/c 0.40:1) and no hydrogel. The JIS R-5201 flow values were 118 and 200 mm for the mortars prepd. with the Aqualic hydrogel and **water**, resp.

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1989:484147 Document No. 111:84147 Hemostatic adhesives for oral surgery. Mozisek, Maxmilian; Cerny, Pavel; Smekal, Miroslav; Prikryl, Ivan (Czech.). Czech. CS 238016 B1 19871015, 9 pp. (Czech). CODEN: CZXXA9. APPLICATION: CS 1982-3748 19820521.

AB Hemostatic pastes are prepd. from 20-90% powd. or fibrous hemostatic (e.g., CM-cellulose and/or microcryst. collagen) and 5-80% hydrophilic hemostatic adhesive (e.g., hydroxyethylcellulose, methylhydroxyethyl cellulose). The pastes are useful in oral surgery. Porous compact hemostatics for tooth were prepd. from a CM-cellulose-based mixt. CM-cellulose (contg. 16% COOH group converted to a Ca salt) was prepd. by selective oxidn. of cotton gauze, removal of a **water**-sol., low-mol. position, and processing to **fibers** 1-3 mm long. The mixt. consisted of CM-cellulose 80, hydroxyethyl cellulose adhesive (purity .gtoreq.99.5%, av. substitution degree 1.2) 18, and ethoxylated sorbitol oleate (as solubilization additive) 2%. After prepg. the molded pastes, the hydroxyethyl cellulose was **crosslinked** by using ionization irradiation. The microporous structure with a high sorption

ability was attained by using vacuum sublimation. The resulting products were encased and sterilized by using ionization radiation.

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AN 1987-346195 [49] WPIDS  
AB JP 62250940 A UPAB: 19930922

The gel is **crosslinked** polyvinylmethylether (PVME) gel having fine pores. The prodn. comprises radiating gamma-ray or electron beam on an aq. soln. contg. 5-50 wt.% PVME being kept in a give shape while the temp. of the soln. is maintained around the phase transition temp. of PVMA.

PVME is prepd. by the cation polymerisation of vinylmethylether using

BF3, I2, AlCl3 or FeCl3 as an initiator. PVME has 32-40 deg.C phase transition temp., which can be lowered by adding (in)organic salts like NaCl or CH3COONa, polymer electrolytes like sodium **alginate** or polyacrylate; or elevated by adding **water**-soluble **alcohols** or **ketones** like MeOH or **acetone**. If necessary, metallic powders, iron oxide, carbon black, or **fibres** can be admixed with the gel when it is irradiated.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Used as a mechanochemical material for energy storage

or conversion, actuators, sensors, **water-absorber** or dehydrator, or **water** supplier, or toys. **Water** can be **absorbed** or desorbed at a higher speed.

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AN 1986-141803 [22] WPIDS  
AB JP 61078485 A UPAB: 19930922

Non-flammable coagulant contains (a) **water absorber** consisting of polymer (I) which can **absorb** 0.9% salt contg. **water** in amt. 60 times the weight of the polymer; and (b) **fibres**.

Pref. polymer is high **crosslinking** poly sodium acrylate, with mol. wt. over 600,000, e.g. 800,000-1,000,000, copolymer of vinylalcohol and acrylate; **starch** polyacrylate, graft copolymer of **starch** and acrylate or copolymer of isobutylene and maleic acid. Fibre is pref. pulp flock or synthetic cellulose fibre. Over 35 g, e.g. over 50 g of coagulant is pref. added to 1 l of waste **water**. Waste **water** contains oil (substances extracted by hexane) and/or dye and pigment and/or surfactant.

ADVANTAGE - By adding coagulant to waste **water**, the waste **water** is caked and treated as solid wastes. Caked substances can be treated by burning.

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1986:136114 Document No. 104:136114 Dispersed **absorbent** products and method of use. Korpman, Ralf; Gandy, Charles (Personal Products Co., USA). Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 157960 A1 19851016, 27 pp. DESIGNATED STATES: R: AT, BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE. (English). CODEN: EPXXDW. APPLICATION: EP 1984-302059 19840327.

AB Particulate, **water**-insol., **water**-swellable **absorbents** dispersed in an org. liq. may be employed alone or on a substrate to provide articles such as pads and **diapers**. **Absorbents** include acrylate polymers, acrylate polymer modified **polysaccharides**, **crosslinked** CM-cellulose, **crosslinked** poly(alkylene oxides) and gum blends. The vehicles

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include oils, liq. resins, liq. rubbers, liq. polyalkylenes, glycol ethers, and higher **alcs.** Thus, **starch** polyacrylate dispersed in mineral oil was applied to a nonwoven rayon sheet. The materials were employed in the **absorbent** portion of **diapers** and backed with a moisture impermeable film to produce disposable **diapers** having superior absorptive properties and in which the particulate **absorbents** were retained in place.

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AN 1985-165203 [28] WPIDS

AB CA 1186184 A UPAB: 19930925

A method of making an air-laid soft, high bulk, fibrous web having a basis

wt. of 8.50 lb/ream with improved **absorbence** is claimed. A loose web is air laid and bonded with an adhesive which is then cured. The rate of **absorbency** of the web is improved by treating it with an aq. soln. of a **water**-soluble hydrophile at or after the bonding step. The treated web is dried and retains 0.1-5.0 wt.% hydrophile.

A web prod. made by this method is also claimed. The web consists of paper-making **fibres**, the adhesive represents 15-30% of the basis wt. of the web prod. and the hydrophile pref. 0.5-2.5 wt.%. The **absorbency** of the prod., as measured by mirror wipe time, is increased by at least 20% as compared to webs not contg. the hydrophile.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The prod. is used in tissue, towel and napkin prods. of high bulk and **absorbency**.

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ABEQ US 4600462 A UPAB: 19930925

Air laid soft, high bulk, **absorbent** fibrous web (I) having a basis wt. ranging from 8-50 lbs.ream is produced by a) air laying a loose web, b) bonding the web with a hydrophobic adhesive material (II), c) curing the adhesive material (II), d) incorporating into the web an aq. soln. of a **water**-soluble hydrophile an aq. soln. of a **water**-soluble hydrophile at any stage in the process contemporary with, or subsequent to step b), to enhance the **absorbency** rate of the web by neutralising the anti-wetting effects of material (II), and e) drying the web while retaining 0.1-5 % by wt. of the hydrophile. The hydrophile used is polyethylene oxide, cellulose ethers, used is polyethylene oxide, cellulose ethers, hydroxymethyl cellulose, polyvinyl **alcohol**, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, gelatin, graft copolymers of **starch**, **crosslinked** polyacrylates, acrylate polymers, **crosslinked carboxymethyl cellulose** alkali salts, **starch** or **guar gum** grafted with acrylamide acid salts in combination with divinyl cpds., glycerin and compatible combinations of these.

ADVANTAGE - (I) so obtd. has enhanced **absorbency** rate and high degree of perceived softness.

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1982:440061 Document No. 97:40061 **Absorbent** foam products and compositions for immobilization of particulate **absorbents**.

Korpmann, Ralf (Johnson and Johnson, USA). Brit. UK Pat. Appl. GB 2083487

A 19820324, 11 pp. (English). CODEN: BAXXDU. APPLICATION: GB 1981-25780 19810823. PRIORITY: US 1980-181289 19800825; US 1981-248387 19810327; US 1981-274232 19810622.

AB Particulate **absorbents** of **water**-insol., **water**  
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-swellable acrylic polymers or acrylate-modified **polysaccharides** having a gel capacity .gtoreq.10 are immobilized by a liq. polyhydroxy org. compd. The **absorbent**-immobilizing compn. with or without a blowing agent can be cast or coated on an appropriate surface, e.g., release agent-coated fabric, paper, or plastic, to give free **absorbent** films or sheets; foamed in place in the presence of a blowing agent to give self-supporting products having high absorptive capacity and structural integrity; used as an impregnating agent in cellulosic materials; or used as a coating on plastics or metal foils. Thus, a mixt. of 50 parts hydrolyzed acrylonitrile-grafted **starch** and 100 parts ethylene glycol [107-21-1] was applied on nonwoven rayon fabric contg. 20-35% acrylate ester copolymer (I) binder or a rayon-polyester fiber blend fabric contg. 20-30% I binder to give

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materials or inserts for disposable **diapers** having superior absorption properties.

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AN 1980-63079C [36] WPIDS  
AB JP 55097247 A UPAB: 19930902

Oil wastes, e.g. derived from natural or synthetic mineral oil or animal and plant oil wastes, etc. is solidified or gelled by contacting it with polymer substance capable of forming gel on absorption of **water**, e.g. saponificated **starch**-polyacrylonitrile graft polymer, **crosslinked** PVA-acrylonitrile copolymer, **crosslinked** polyethyleneoxide and/or polyacrylonitrile in the presence of **water** ans surfactant. The amt. of the polymer substance to be used can be reduced by incorporating plant **fibres**, e.g. cotton, reproduced cotton, pulp **fibres**, peat **fibres** etc.

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TI Manufacture of **polysaccharide fibers** as absorbent materials and **polysaccharide fibers** and absorbent articles therefrom

IN **Malmgren, Kent**; Widberg, Bengt

PA SCA Molnlycke Ab, Swed.; Malmgren, Kent; Widberg, Bengt

SO PCT Int. Appl., 29 pp.

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